

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A charge collecting system comprising:  
a notice information management unit which manages requested contents to be notified to the users via a network in correspondence to each address on said network provided in correspondence to each of said users, respectively;

a requested contents notice unit which transmits said requested contents which are managed by said notice information management unit and said addresses of said users corresponding to said requested contents to each of said users via said network by Email; and

a settlement unit which makes a settlement on said network when there is an access to said address notified by said requested contents notice unit from said user corresponding to said address and a paying instruction regarding said requested contents from said user is received.

2. A system according to claim 1, further comprising a use information management unit which manages a period of time which has been predetermined every user and during which the use of said charge collecting system is permitted,

and wherein said notice information management unit manages said notice information on the basis of use management information including said requested contents and said address of said use information management unit, and said requested contents notice unit receives a control of the transmission of said Email in accordance with said use management information of said use information management unit.

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3. A system according to claim 2, wherein said requested contents notice unit is permitted to transmit said Email to said user only in the period of time during which the use is permitted by said use management information of each of said users.

4. A system according to claim 1, wherein said settlement unit makes a real-time settlement on said network when there is the access to said address notified by said requested contents notice unit from the user corresponding to said address and the paying instruction regarding said requested contents from said user is received.

5. A system according to claim 4, wherein said settlement unit has a wallet which is used for the real-time settlement and which corresponds to each of the users.

6. A system according to claim 1, wherein said settlement unit makes the settlement in accordance with an SET (Secure Electronic Transactions).

7. A system according to claim 1, wherein said settlement by said settlement unit is a credit settlement using a credit card.

8. A system according to claim 1, wherein said settlement by said settlement unit is a settlement using prepaid-type electronic money.

9. A system according to claim 1, wherein said address is a URL (Uniform Resource Locator) on the Internet.

10. A control program for a charge collecting system, wherein said program allows a computer constructing said charge collecting system to function and execute:

a use information management step which manages a period of time which has been predetermined every user and during which use of said charge collecting system is permitted;

a notice information management step which manages requested contents to be notified to said users via a network in correspondence to each address on said network provided in correspondence to each of said users on the basis of use management information which is managed in said use information management step;

a requested contents notice step which transmits said requested contents which are managed in said notice information management step and said addresses on said network of said users corresponding to said requested contents to said users by Email via said network in accordance with said use management information in said use information management step; and

a settlement step which makes a settlement on said network when there is an access to said address notified by said requested contents notice step from said user corresponding to said address and a paying instruction regarding said requested contents from said user is received.

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